

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device (~~2, 2'~~) for use with a tracheostomy tube (~~1~~), the device including a housing (~~20, 20'~~) adapted for connection to the tube, a gas passage (~~23~~) in the housing a gas-treatment unit (~~30, 30'~~) mounted with the housing, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the gas-treatment unit (~~30, 30'~~) is displaceable from a first position in which gas can flow from the tube (~~1~~) through the gas-treatment unit (~~30, 30'~~) via the gas passage (~~23~~), to a second position in which the gas passage (~~23~~) is substantially blocked preventing flow of gas out of the machine end (~~15~~) of the tracheostomy tube.
2. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the gas-treatment unit (~~30, 30'~~) is displaceable by rotation.
3. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the gas-treatment unit (~~30~~) remains in the first or second position unless manually displaced.
4. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the gas-treatment unit (~~30~~) includes a projection (~~35~~) accessible at an end of the housing (~~20~~) by which the gas-treatment unit (~~30~~) can be displaced.
5. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the device includes a resilient member (~~131~~) arranged to displace the gas-treatment unit (~~30~~) to a first position when released.
6. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the gas-treatment unit (~~30, 30'~~) is cylindrical.

7. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised~~ characterized in that the gas-treatment unit ~~(30, 30')~~ includes an HME element ~~(32, 33)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 6 ~~Claims 6 and 7, characterised~~ characterized in that the gas-treatment unit ~~(30, 30')~~ includes an HME element ~~(32 and 33)~~ at opposite ends.

9. (Currently Amended) A gas-treatment device according to Claim 7 ~~or 8, characterised~~ characterized in that the or each HME element ~~(32, 33)~~ is of a treated paper.

10. (Currently Amended) A tracheostomy tube assembly including a tracheostomy tube ~~(1)~~ and a gas-treatment device ~~(2, 2')~~ according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ connected at the machine end ~~(15)~~ of the tube.